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Report from Havana concerning the vaccination and detention of arrivals.

HAVANA, CUBA, August 5, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report of the operations of this Service during the week ended August 2, 1902:

OFFICE.

Number of vessels issued bills of health and cleared.....	22
Number of crews, outgoing vessels, inspected.....	724
Number of passengers, outgoing vessels, inspected.....	236
Number of health certificates issued.....	10
Number of immune certificates issued.....	65
Number of applications for immune certificates rejected.....	2

SANATOR.

Number of vessels disinfected and cleared.....	3
Number of vessels disinfected but not cleared.....	2
Number of pieces of baggage and dunnage disinfected.....	214
Number of passengers and crews, outgoing vessels, inspected.....	34

SHORE PLANT.

Number of pieces of baggage disinfected.....	52
Number of pieces of express matter disinfected.....	20
Number of pieces of baggage inspected and passed.....	44
Number of pieces of express and freight inspected and passed.....	1,472

I have to include in this report copies of correspondence that passed between this office, the State health officer of Florida, and the chief quarantine officer for the Republic of Cuba, relative to the quarantine detention of passengers from the United States who are not vaccinated.

KEY WEST, FLA., July 25, 1902.

SIR: My attention has been invited to an exaction by the Cuban health and quarantine service, in regard to persons arriving at the port of Havana, who have not been vaccinated. I am informed that the health authorities of Havana require a detention at Triscornia Camp of fifteen days for such persons, after they have been vaccinated. If this information is true, which I have no reason to doubt, the requirement as you know is in direct variance with the practice in the United States, and I am given to understand with the Cuban quarantine regulations, which were modeled after those of the United States Government. Even with vessels arriving with cases of smallpox aboard it is customary to detain after vaccination only those who, unvaccinated, have come in direct contact with the sick, or have been in an apartment of limited space or radius. After vaccination of the unprotected aboard, passengers are liberated, and apartments disinfected. With an efficient police department, a surveillance can be had over those arriving where smallpox may be suspected. I will be very much obliged to you to take this matter up with the proper authorities, with the view of having an unnecessary and harsh restriction modified or removed.

Respectfully,

JOSEPH Y. PORTER,
State Health Officer.

DR. A. H. GLENNAN,
Surgeon, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.

[First indorsement.]

HAVANA, CUBA, July 28, 1902.

Respectfully forwarded to Dr. Eduardo F. Nuñez, chief quarantine officer for the Republic of Cuba, with the statement that if unvaccinated passengers coming to ports in Cuba from the United States are vaccinated upon board, it would seem to be unnecessary to detain them a further length of time, as at present is the case. It is recommended that the question be referred to the secretary of Government of the Republic of Cuba for consideration and modification of the order.

A. H. GLENNAN,
Surgeon.

August 15, 1902

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[Second indorsement.]

HAVANA, CUBA, *July 29, 1902.*

Respectfully returned to Surg. A. H. Glennan with the information that the quarantine restrictions to passengers from the United States and other countries where small-pox prevails are limited to the detention and vaccination of only the unvaccinated steerage passengers until vaccination proves successful.

EDUARDO F. NUÑEZ,
Chief Quarantine Officer for the Island of Cuba.

[Third indorsement.]

HAVANA, CUBA, *July 30, 1902.*

Respectfully returned to Dr. Jos. Y. Porter, State health officer of Florida, inviting attention to the second indorsement.

A. H. GLENNAN,
Surgeon.

I inclose herewith the usual mortuary data for the week.

Respectfully,

The SURGEON-GENERAL.

A. H. GLENNAN,
Surgeon.

[Inclosure.]

Mortuary report for the city of Havana, Cuba, week ended August 2, 1902.

Enteric fever.....	8
Enteritis.....	9
Tuberculosis.....	22
Pneumonia.....	5
La grippe.....	1
Bronchitis.....	2
Diphtheria.....	1
Malaria.....	4
Cancer.....	1
Meningitis.....	19
Total, all causes.....	131

Report from Matanzas.

MATANZAS, CUBA, *July 30, 1902.*

SIR: Through Surg. A. H. Glennan, Havana Cuba, I have the honor to submit the following report of the transactions at this port for the week ended July 26, 1902: Number of vessels outgoing inspected and cleared, 8; number of crew inspected, 198; number of passengers inspected, 18. No quarantinable disease was reported in this district. Mortality statistics for Matanzas are inclosed.

Respectfully,

R. H. VON EZDORF,
Assistant Surgeon.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.

[Inclosure.]

Mortality report for week ended July 30, 1902, for Matanzas, Cuba.

Tuberculosis.....	9
Enteric fever.....	1
Meningitis.....	1
Infantile tetanus.....	1
Enteritis.....	2
Amyloid degeneration of liver.....	1
Broncho-pneumonia.....	2
Uraemia.....	1
Heart disease.....	1
Carcinoma.....	1
Spinal sclerosis.....	1
Senile debility.....	1
Total.....	22

Annual rate of mortality for week, 23.52 per 1,000.